

VISION 2026

THE SHIFT



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ISAIAH 43:19



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MISSION DETERMINES VISION

Luke 9:2;

- Given in 1995 as the mission statement for Carmel.
- (NKJV) He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick.
- (Passion) Then He commissioned them to preach God's Kingdom realm and to heal the sick to demonstrate that the kingdom had arrived.

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WHY WE NEED VISION

Proverbs 29:18;

- (NASB) Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.
- (Passion) When there is no clear prophetic vision, people quickly wander astray. But when you follow the revelation of the word, heaven's bliss fills your soul.
- (TLB) Where there is ignorance of God, crime runs wild; but what a wonderful thing it is for a nation to know and keep his laws.

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VISION HELPS US SEE CLEARLY

Vision helps us see where we are going and what we need to do.

- Just as natural vision is important to see where we are going, and what we need to build, so is spiritual vision necessary to guide us into the plan of the Lord.
- Vision requires a two fold revelation;
 - (i) the ability to see with the eye of faith the image of what God is showing you,
 - (ii) the ability of the Holy Spirit to interpret the vision in a manner that enables you to do it.

VISION REVEALS THE PLAN OF GOD

Habakkuk 2:2-4; (NASB)

- Then the Lord answered me and said, “Record the vision And inscribe it on tablets, That the one who reads it may run.”
- “For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.”
- The vision for this church is about God’s intended purpose.



GOD'S INTENDED PURPOSE - Has Four Phases

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PHASE ONE
Cover Our City

PHASE TWO
Bless Our Neighbors

PHASE THREE
Send to the Nation

PHASE FOUR
Touch the World

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PURPOSE REQUIRES PARTICIPATION

Ephesians 4:13 - 16; (NASB)

- The entire Bible is about God's vision. It was written to you, for you and about you. His purpose for creation was for all men, women and children of every age, race and culture in the entire world to **KNOW** Him.
- **MOTIVATION** of vision is that all of His creation to "attain the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son God, to a **MATURE** man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."

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PARTICIPATION HAS PROCESS

Vision to progress must go from conceptual to practical

1. We were never created to do life alone.
2. All of life comes through relationship and is all about relationships, first with God then our neighbor.
3. There are three things needed for Relationships to flourish.
 - 1. Unity of Purpose
 - 2. Motivation of Care
 - 3. Reward of Labor

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PROCESS - Requires Team Work

Proverbs 24:4-6 (TLB)

Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts. A wise man is mightier than a strong man. Wisdom is mightier than strength. Don't go to war without wise guidance; there is safety in many counselors.

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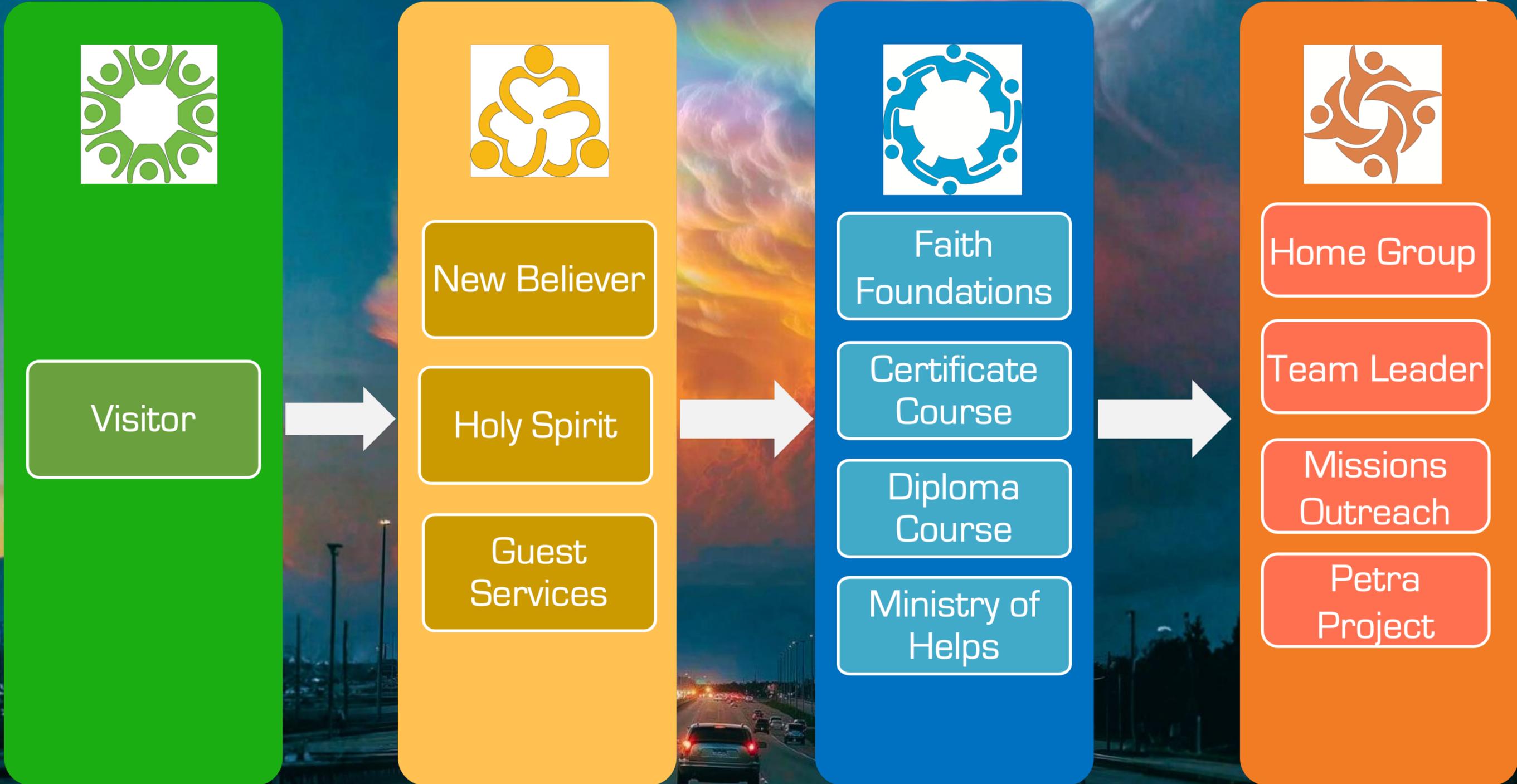
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PROCESS=DISCIPLESHIP - Every Member a Minister



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THE GOVERNANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Acts 15:3-4; They reported all that God had done....

- The Church is a 501(c)3 registered with the IRS as a Charitable Organization with five board members.
- I am the president and chair of the board.
 - Brother Charles Graham - board member
 - Pastor Paul Brady - board member
 - Pastor Craig Watson - board member
 - Pastor Zack Ayers - board member
 - Pastor Michelle Di Somma serves as secretary.
- The board meets twice a year and more if needed, to discuss budgets, vision and any related ministry needs.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Acts 2:42; Five key areas.

- “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”
- The Church’s practical Aims and Objectives can be found on page 12 of the vision booklet.
- Every partner should have an understanding of it.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, prophets...

- The Structure is to facilitate the discipleship process of Share, Care, Prepare, Dare and Welfare.
- We see this as the circle of life.
- Undergirding everything we do is the Board, which is part of the process, where CGM Inc meets the governmental requirements.
- For more information on the structure and general information about the vision and mission of the church visit our website: www.carmelglobal.org



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THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

The daily organizing and care for the church and its members are....



PASTORS GERRI & MICHELLE
DI SOMMA



PASTOR ZAC AYERS

SHARE



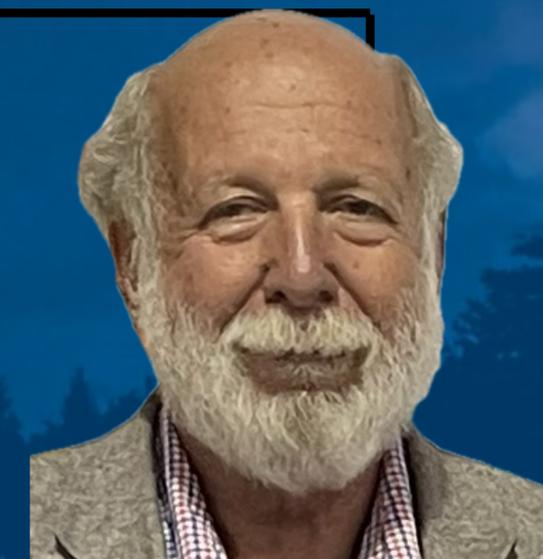
PASTOR JOHN HEIMANN

CARE



PASTOR P F THOMAS

PREPARE



DENNIS JOHNSON

DARE



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OTHERS THAT ASSIST

Both full-time, part-time and many volunteers...



CHRIS AND SYLVANA ASHLEY
YOUTH PASTORS + WORSHIP + HUB



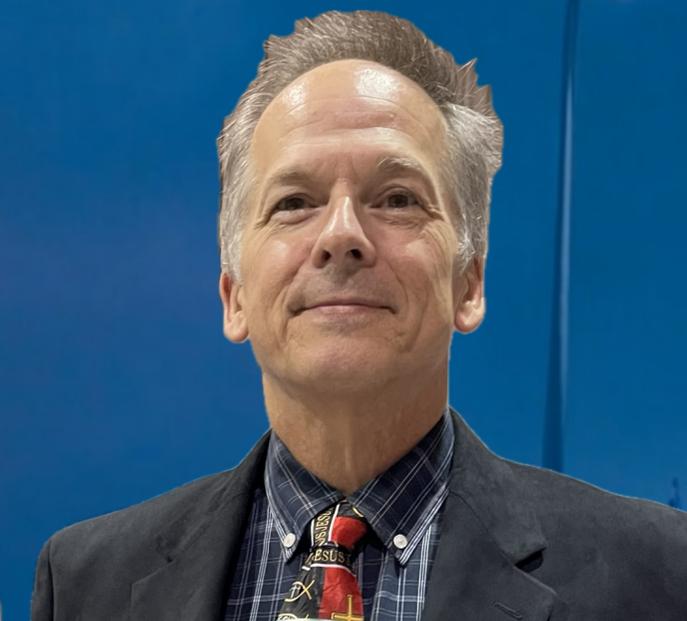
RACHEL CAVAZOS
CRE8ION - FAM - FITNESS



OWEN SULLIVAN
IT + TECH



JESSICA & BRANDON SULLIVAN
EVENTS + PASTOR'S ASSISTANTS



DEREK DAVIDSON
PETRA + USHERS

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ROBIN HOLLEY
PRAYER COORDINATOR



HARSHAD PATEL
AUDIO + VISUAL



NICK AND CHRISTIN PRICE
SOCIAL MEDIA



JUDY RULE
NMA + COMMUNITY IMPACT



JENNIE PESTEKA
PETAL PUSHERS

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CINDY VALKA
HOSPITALITY



TYE 'BROOK LITTLETON
BOOKSHOP



PHIL VALKA
GROUNDS



CINDI MARTINEZ
CHILDRENS CHURCH



GEORGE RITCHIE
CONNECT



EM SATTERWHITE
LIBRARY +

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ALL THE TEAMS THAT MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR YOU



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WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2025

Many are the plans in a man's heart

1. Completed the New Restrooms in the Gym. 
2. Upgraded the Ladies Restrooms by the foyer. 
3. Completed phase 2 in the Teaching Center. 
4. Built a New Pump Room and purified our water. 
5. Raised the profile of the Church on Google search. 
6. We got our Youth Program up and running. 
7. Widened the entrance and slowed traffic down. 

“CELEBRATING”- 40 Years of God’s goodness.

A condensed history of the site and church.....



“ENCOUNTERS”- In 2025

Here are some highlights of the past year.....



THE WORD FOR 2026

ISAIAH 43:19

- Behold, I am going to do something new, now it will spring up; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”
- The number 6 in the Jewish calendar is ‘VAV’ which is a hook, symbolizing a shift from what was to what will be. Heaven and earth encounters, the establishing of new communities bringing expansion and new partners.

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THE WORD FOR 2026

THE SHIFT require a different perspective.

- **1. God is doing a new thing.**
He doesn't need you permission, but if you want to prosper you would be encouraged to participate.
- **2. Roadways in the wilderness.**
Is to see with eyes of faith like Abraham, going not knowing where he had not been before, trusting the One leading him.
- **3. Rivers in the desert.**
Wherever the Spirit flow it brings new life with it, even in the most harsh conditions, making fruitful what was barren.

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THE WORD FOR 2026

THE SHIFT: The Spirit Helps In Finding Truth.

- **1. There are Five Platforms of Truth.**
They are Absolute Truth (defines reality), Essential Truth (defines meaning), Moral Truth (defines behavior), Relational Truth (defines community), and Welfare Truth, (defines stewardship).
- **2. There are Five Applications of Truth.**
Spiritual, Physical, Relational, Economical and Social.
- **3. There are Fivefold Ministries to impart Truth.**
Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.

THE GOALS FOR 2026

Proverbs 24:6 By wise guidance you will wage war.....

- **Spiritually:** To go public with our Grief Share program to help people work through the loss of a loved ones.
- To Launch our Home Groups so that the home becomes the extension of the church as in the book of Acts.
- To introduce Sunday night Discipleship Training to help Equip those who cannot attend full time Bible college.
- To Facilitate a Young Adults Ministry to mentor and prepare the next generation of leaders, called the Joshua Generation

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- **Practically: Complete the upgrade in the Teaching Center, Phase 3, which is the Kitchen and Restrooms and showers.**
- **Complete insulating and electrifying the storage facilities making them climate friendly.**
- **Repainting the lines in our parking lot and creating more parking bays to accommodate our growth**
- **Utilizing the balcony for a new Green Room to facilitate more product space for the Book Shop.**
- **The main Sanctuary roof needs water proofing to combat rust & leaks.**

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FUTURE GOALS

Habakkuk 2:2; Write the Vision down.....

- To investigate the possibility of opening a Preschool facility that is parent led to help feed into Carmel's Homeschool Hub.
- Explore growing vegetables to help meet the needs in the community of those who lack resources.
- Build student accommodation to house short term international students for ministry training.
- To purchase an additional 10 acres for future expansion and building projects in the area. ie Old age facility, Natural medical and medicine facility, youth park and sports facility.

FINDING YOUR PLACE

1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (NASB)

- But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body.
- We have a responsibility as individuals to find our place where we have been positioned by God, so as to fulfill His purpose for our lives. If what you carry or need is not here, let us create it together.

FLOWING IN YOUR GRACE

Colossians 3:16-17; teaching and admonishing one another...

- Your Grace is that which God has endowed you with that comes naturally to you, like your gifting and talents, they help you.
- The Gifts of God that flows when the anointing of the Holy Spirit leads you is for the benefit of the Body of Christ.
- When you are Faithful with that which God has entrusted to you, He will then entrust to you that which belongs exclusively to Him.
- The Holy Spirit helps Shift us from complacency to competency as participation the plan of God for our future.

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STAYING IN YOUR GRACE

ISAIAH 43:19; Behold I will do something new...

- In every SHIFT there are challenges because where we are going we have not gone before.
- We draw strength from the knowledge that where we are going God has prepared and provides us with provision, Where He leads us He will feed us.
- Before tables of provision are experienced there is often a valley that we all need to go through.

GRATEFUL FOR THOSE THAT SERVE

Hebrews 12:28;-29; Let us show gratitude.....

- We have come this far to date because of those who have caught the vision and are running with it. We would not have achieved what we have without y'all's help.
- For those that are unsure about getting involved, we will work with what you are able to do and commit to, we do realize that people have a life and are busy.
- Let me encourage you to get involved this will help you develop your gifts and strengthen your character.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Taking care of business

- After the this morning's service please visit the different departments at their information tables in the gym.
- Success is where preparation meets opportunity. This is an opportunity to serve your family and community and bring about a spiritual change in our area.
- Our faithfulness to God's purpose always produces His blessings; spirit, soul and body.
- When you take care of God's business, God will take care of you.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Find out more.....

- This presentation will be posted on our website that can be found on www.carmelglobal.org.
- It will also be available on our church app, 'Carmel Global,' This will also have the full audio and visual presentation and a copy of the pdf.
- Don't forget to take the Vision Booklet with you as a reminder of who we are, what we believe, and what we are believing God for.

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